

CHINESE TO SIGN TREATY.

Celestials Will Enter League as Participants in Austrian Peace.

PARIS, July 9.—After declining to sign the German treaty because of the cessation of hostilities to Japan, the Chinese delegation has finally decided to sign the Austrian treaty, thus bringing China into the League of Nations.

France Lifts Blockade to Fight Living Cost.

PARIS, July 9.—Decreases suppressing almost entirely prohibitions against imports into France were signed by President Poincaré yesterday after a meeting of the Cabinet to discuss the high cost of living. The prohibitions as a result will apply to only about a dozen articles. Another decree simplifies the custom laws.

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ERZBERGER TELLS
HOW HE HOPES TO
FINANCE GERMANY

Says There Is a Floating Debt
of \$12,500,000,000 and
Taxes Will Be Great.

BERLIN, July 9. (Associated Press).—Germany is to quickly return to a peace time financial system, said Matthias Erzberger, Vice Chancellor and Minister of Finance speaking at Weimar before the German National Assembly. Among other things the payment of grants to men who are unemployed will be reduced, it was indicated during his address. "The Empire's affairs must be divided henceforth between home needs and indemnities," he said. "The year's expenditures confronting us will amount to about 17,500,000,000 marks. I am firmly resolved to tread the hard path of economy and, therefore, have given out the watchword that from Oct. 1, 1919, there shall be no more items not detailed, and there shall be no more war funds.

"The war finance system shall cease and a regular budget system must be re-established. The first guiding principle is that there must be no more unproductive expenditures. Therefore, a gradual abolition of non-employment grants must be faced. How are the full requirements for the empire, new states and communes, which may be estimated at some 25,000,000,000 marks to be covered?"

After citing the returns to the empire from taxation measures prior to and during the war and estimating the revenue to be derived from new tax bills, Herr Erzberger said:

"There still remains a sum of over 12,500,000,000 marks to be covered."

"The Ministry of Finance has at-

most completed the drafting of two important bills levying new taxes, which I intend to submit to the House before the Parliamentary recess," he continued. "These call for a large single levy on property and a large tax on business turnover, but even if these bills are passed, the money for the payment of indemnities must be obtained in some other way. In the autumn, new bills will be introduced in the National Assembly with the final object of covering this deficit."

"The burdens of taxation will reach

an absolutely terrible height. A floating debt of 72,000,000,000 marks (\$12,500,000,000) is a constant danger and the removal of this debt is one of our most urgent tasks. There are two ways in which to do it—either its conversion into a funded loan or its extinction by big levies and a heavy property tax. I do not indulge the hope that these two ways will immediately yield the entire liquid amount of 72,000,000,000 marks. It is the duty of property people to achieve an inward conviction as to

the necessity of giving up all riches and all that is superfluous. "Changes in the system of taxation will be speedily submitted to the National Assembly, and this reform will represent the completion of the whole work."

Herr Erzberger concluded by asking that taxation bills be disposed of before a recess is taken, adding: "The war takes our riches. The world has denied us international justice. All the more passionately and energetically, however, will we work for the home land again, and, flourishing in justice, concentrate our care and endeavor upon the poor but just German."

PROTESTS AGAINST SERBS.

Montenegrins Say They are Killing Women and Children.

PARIS, July 9.—The Montenegro Government has addressed a new note to the Peace Conference, protesting against alleged excesses by Serbian troops in Montenegro.

The note says that certain villages were attacked by a force of 5,000 Serbs, which was equipped with cannon, and houses were demolished and women and children killed.

MARTINSYDE IS READY.

Hopes to Fly Off Soon on Trans-Atlantic Flight.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., July 5.—Frederick P. Raycham is read again to attempt a non-stop crossing of the Atlantic. His Martinsyde biplane, wrecked when he essayed a getaway in the wake of Hawker, on May 18, and rebuilt in a factory established here for the purpose, once more is at Quidi Vidi, awaiting favorable weather, which is all that now stands in the way of his departure.

STARVING, HE BLAMES WAR.

Police Hold Denial Pending Investigation of His Story.

The story that he had been ruined by the war, and had been picked up in a starving condition in front of the Star Street Police Station, is being investigated to-day by the Brooklyn police. He said he was a wealthy building contractor in the West when the war started, but lost everything, his wife died of a broken heart, his children scattered, and he was left alone and homeless. When his friends also deserted him he came East, but his luck persisted. He is held on a charge of vagrancy pending investigation.

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